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The Board has provided also for the observance of an annual "Education Day" on the part of local congregations, at which time the interests and the claims of various educational institutions of the Church and the importance of Christian education in general are presented. The Board was also represented in the person of its Secretary, on the faculty of the Lake Geneva Student Summer Conference.

For the immediate future the Board of Education of the new Evangelical Church has been assigned a task of making a general educational survey of the church and in particular of the work and constituency of each of its institutions. It has also been provided that any future church-wide campaign for funds for educational institutions should be a united one for all institutions, each institution to receive a pro rata share previously determined.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

General

DR. JOHN L. SEATON

Nearly all of our institutions have done well during the year. Endowment campaigns have succeeded to an extent almost incredible. Enormous deficits in current expenses have been met largely by gifts from the General Education Board—such gifts soon will cease—by generous support of a special character from annual conferences, and by unremitting toil of college presidents. The tide of students sets still more strongly toward our schools. In morale and educational efficiency our schools are among the best.

It is natural that the weakest and youngest schools should feel most keenly their need of help from the Board of Education, though some of the strongest schools frequently request the service of our office. The sense of common interest is growing and the value of our work as a unifying center will steadily increase.

In *business matters* our relation to all Methodist schools is close. We are their sponsors before the Carnegie Corporation and the General Education Board, which has given to our schools

\$6,309,000 and thereby enabled them to add \$21,850,000 to their capital funds. We advise with administrators concerning the best ways of handling their accounts and of closing the gap between income and expenditure. Out of these relations and the stimulus given by the system of budget reports, a new business sense is emerging. It is not too much to hope that within a few years the business management of our schools will be equal to that of the best commercial concerns. The resulting benefits will be numerous and highly valuable.

In *academic matters* the Board has in several instances advised readjustments in and among departments that lessened expense, increased efficiency, and at the same time brought the institution into closer conformity with the requirements fixed by our University Senate and other standardizing agencies. Our relation to those agencies, especially the American Council on Education, has in itself enlarging opportunities of service to our schools.

In our *Southern Schools* a work worthy of us and full of potential promise is well under way. Until this year the courses of study offered in most of them have lacked uniformity. We have prepared and put into effect—with local variations—a course of study which approximates the curricula of the best secondary schools North and South, though restricting somewhat the range of electives. All of the schools having aspirations to become Junior Colleges have been discouraged. We have long desired that the University of Chattanooga should be the college center of our educational system in the South and should draw to itself the graduates of our secondary schools. Recent developments in this direction are very encouraging, twelve students from our secondary schools being enrolled in the University this year.

There is one great gap in our educational system in the South. We have 214,000 white members, but no theological school or special school for the training of our ministry. A school should be established, independently or in connection with one of the existing schools, to train ministers and other specialized Christian workers. The courses of study and the methods of teaching should be adapted to the Southern work.

Our *frontier schools* in Montana, Idaho, New Mexico and Texas are prospering but their development is accompanied by

the usual "growing pains." The teachers are strong, enthusiastic and devoted. It is from them that the states mentioned will for their own future leadership and their contribution of men to the evangelization of the world. But now they are "missionary territory." They cannot support the kind of schools they ought to have. The general church must help through the creative years until they are able to stand alone.

Religious Work Activities

DR. JOSEPH C. NATE

The period following the General Conference, and until our annual meeting of last year, was devoted largely to correlation of our activities with the other interested interdenominational agencies of the Church, such as the Young Men's Christian Association, the Council of Church Boards of Education, etc. Committees on Religious Work and Recruiting, having both faculty and student representation, have been willingly organized in every institution of the Church, and our present effort is to develop in conjunction with them, an all-year program of religious work. In the nature of the case, much of such a program must depend upon the local workers at the seat of the college. We are seeking to enlarge the output of Board literature available under such programs. We now have lists of men in each Area qualified as speakers for the colleges in evangelistic campaigns or for single meetings. We are able as a Board Department to arrange some of this visitation, but for the most part our better plan is found in suggesting names and plans with the understanding that the college committees will complete their own arrangements. The whole program of religious work in relation to the institutions of the Church must have increasing care and attention. The day has fairly passed when we may rely upon an established body of Christian tradition pertaining to our institutions; upon the high character and purpose of those who guide their destinies officially and lead their students intellectually; in short, upon any element of Christian "atmosphere," in which the purpose and methods of work are other than systematic, intense, and continuous.

*Care and Religious Training of Our Students at Methodist
College Centers*

Last year applications formal and informal, were presented to the Board for helpers in the care and religious training of our students at Methodist college centers. The Board did not find actual appropriations possible then, but recommended further study of the situation. The problem thus stated is one of increasing importance. It is not possible to state in any brief discussion the various factors involved. The feeling grows in these situations, especially where the student bodies are large and campus conditions are analagous to those at State universities, that we must face with definite plans of procedure the problem and opportunity so presented.

It is hoped that, as soon as conditions can be made to permit, this work may be undertaken at a few of the most strategic points; that these be regarded as demonstration points, with the expectation that as the work grows and plans develop, the Church will find the way to the larger and more final solutions.

Commission on Religious Education, Vocational Guidance, etc.

The last annual meeting of the Board provided for the appointment of a committee on the problems of Personnel and Vocational Guidance in our institutions. The Educational Association of the Church had previously appointed a Committee on Religious Education.

It was arranged that these two Committees should work together with a view to preparing a unified report upon the whole scope of matters involved. The field of study was assigned to four sub-Committees, and there was a very extensive interchange of correspondence, and the Religious Education Departments of Northwestern University and Boston University made most helpful contributions to the task of the Committees.

A meeting of the entire group was convened at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, on June 29-30, 1922, for two days of conference. Since that time, the four sub-Committees have completed very valuable reports upon the four phases of the work above stated. A printed booklet embodying these reports is now

ready for the printer, and it is anticipated that it will serve as a substantial contribution to the needs of the Church at the hands of its institutions of learning.

Religious Work at Tax Supported and Independent Institutions

REV. WARREN F. SHELDON

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has stood steadily behind several building enterprises for Wesley Foundations and has made its largest contribution to date to the maintenance program of the Joint Committee. The Board of Education contribution for 1922, likewise, has been higher than in any preceding year.

University pastors have recently been called "the Church's newest order of prophets." These prophets are men of vision, consecration and courage. At least one of them this year declined a call offering one hundred per cent increase in salary because this would take him away from a student parish.

Two regional conferences of pastors and workers have been held this fall, one at Portland, Oregon, the other at Denver, Colorado.

The department has twenty-eight full time and four part time workers, and is contributing to the support of seven cooperative pastors. Two cooperative enterprises have been discontinued for the present.

Calls for this type of work are increasing and the University Committee of the Council of Church Boards of Education is giving particular attention to it. While the plan presents many difficulties and requires more generous financial backing, if fair experiments are to be made, the prospects are improving.

The Committee has made appropriations in aid of sixty-three places for a total of \$110,000 this year, and has activities organized in seventy-five churches. One building enterprise has recently received a gift of \$5,000 and a pledge in a will of \$40,000 for endowment. The policy of the Committee is to press steadily for the development of financial support from local state constituencies.

Candidates for the ministry reported from this department for

1922 number seventy-three as against sixty-seven in 1921 and forty-five in 1920. Enlistments for Foreign Missions for 1922 number one hundred and ninety-two as against one hundred and sixty-one in 1921 and one hundred and seventy-nine in 1920.

There has been a definite tendency this year toward the organization of Life Service groups with regular meetings and toward a well defined organization of Student Cabinets or Councils.

The emphasis of the administration for the year has been upon the development of programs without financial aid and upon the encouragement of contributions from state constituencies. Special attention has been given to personnel since nearly one-third of the full time workers have been changed during the year.

Another feature of the year at several centers has been a growing interest in first-class religious education worthy of curriculum credit. A few of our men are generally recognized as pioneers in this relatively untried field, and any assistance that can be given them will be most worthily bestowed.

A well equipped woman Assistant Secretary should be added to the administration of the Joint Committee for the development of our activities among women students. Such a secretary could also do much to stimulate the student program of three or four hundred churches where no financial appropriations would be involved, but where systematic attention to the student element in the parish would yield beneficent results.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

DR. W. E. HOGAN

Some of the outstanding accomplishments of the Board of Education and other educational agencies of this Church during the past year are:

1. Through the Christian Education Movement, begun in 1921, the institutions of the Church have been drawn closer together and the hearts of the entire membership of the Church have been turned toward these institutions in prayer, in sympathy, and in financial support as never before. Incidentally, there was collected